

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2003**

***** APPROVED – FEBRUARY 27, 2004 *****

Members Present:

The Honorable Amy Krause, Chair
Gwendolyn Brown
Marie Donigan
Shirley Mann Gray
Mary Beth Kur
The Honorable Edward Sosnick

Staff Present:

Michelle Bynum	Sarah Heuser
Debi Cain, Executive Director	Josie Jubb
Celestine Colton	Mary Lovik
Debbie Felder-Smith	Julie Lyons
Carol Hackett Garagiola	Barbara Mills
Penny Hackett-Evans	Karen Porter
Shelia Hankins	Joyce Wright

Guests:

Suzanne Coats, Turning Point, Inc. (Mt. Clemens)
Larmender Davis, My Sisters Place/Women's Justice Center (Detroit)
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Michele Hernandez, MSP
Mary Keefe, MCADSV
Brenda Miliken, MCADSV
Emily Newhouse, Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home for Abused Women, Inc. (Calumet)
Hedy Nuriel, HAVEN (Pontiac)
Mary Gian Norman – YWCA of Greater Flint/SAFE House
Jenny Schultz, Turning Point, Inc. (Mt. Clemens)
Ann Snudden, My Sister's Place/Women's Justice Center (Detroit)
Herb Tanner, PAAM

Welcome and Introductions

The December 8, 2003 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the Oakland County Circuit Court, Pontiac, MI, convened at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda, approval of May 7, 2003 and September 26, 2003 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Judge E. Sosnick to approve the December 8, 2003 agenda and meeting minutes from May 7, 2003 and September 26, 2003. Seconded by S. Mann Gray. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Krause discussed the Board's ongoing privacy concerns with the Child Ombuds Bill. Some language was improved from last session, but there are further concerns the Board would like to see addressed.

A. Krause sent a follow-up letter to the Senate Committee Chair regarding the remaining issues and concerns on the bill.

A. Krause and D. Cain had a meeting with Margaret Flanagan from the Governor's office in regards to suggestions and input on the Board's future direction and goals. Another meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Carol Hackett Garagiola reported on the Grant to Encourage Arrests. There have been 12 trainings conducted state wide in conjunction with MSP, MCOLES, MCADSV, PAAM, MJI, East and West U.S. Attorney's offices. There will be six more training's planned for the next calendar year, including a special tribal training.

A. Krause asked about the status of the Attorney General's hiring of staff for the three northern Michigan consortia. It was reported that a special assistant Attorney General will start in January for one region and that a second region has posted the position. There was discussion about sending a letter to the Attorney General and to the relevant prosecutors regarding the grant. It is expected that the next grant cycle will come due fairly early in 2004. Concerns were expressed about a lack of data and track record to support a next application.

A. Krause noted that the MDVPTB was working on thank you letters and certificates for outgoing Board members. There is one position open on the Board. The recommendation is to have a person with Service Provider background experience.

Mary Beth Kur, Gwen Brown and Chair A. Krause will be on the Governance Committee. A. Krause asked for help on legislative issues. In addition to A. Krause, Marie Donigan and Honorable Edward Sosnick will be on the Legislative Workgroup.

The Governance Process: Governing Style, Board Job Description, Annual Board Planning Cycle, Governance Commitment, Chairperson's Role

The Board will keep the policies as they are right now. Board members expressed a desire to work within the current structure until they become more familiar.

Board-Staff Relationship: Monitoring Executive Director Performance

The Board will keep the policy as is right now.

Executive Limitations: Treatment of Staff, Compensation and Benefits, Financial Condition, Assurance of Quality, Contracting Process

The Board reviewed the reports.

MOTION: Moved by G. Brown to approve all 5 Executive Limitations Reports. Seconded by Mary Beth Kur. Motion carried.

Discussion of next year's Board Meeting dates and locations. It was decided that there will be 5 Board meetings including the Board Retreat. Chair A. Krause suggested the next Board meeting be in mid-February because of the Grants to Encourage Arrests. D. Cain will poll the Board members to see which dates work best for everyone.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain reported that the new Domestic Violence Rural grant is for a time period starting January 2004 until September 2005 for services that are allowable and unique to rural areas. The grant will also provide for training and technical assistance provided by the MCADSV and the Michigan Tribal Victim Advocate Coalition. Three local domestic violence agencies will develop and pilot programs addressing domestic violence and child welfare.

D. Cain noted that C. Hackett Garagiola is doing a terrific job on GTEA in collaboration with various agencies and tribal communities.

S. Hankins reported on the SAFE Havens grant. Michigan is 1 of 4 national demonstration projects. There have been meetings with 4 local grantees as well as national trainings and meetings. There is a state evaluation team working with MDVPTB as well as national evaluators. SCAO and MJJ are working with MDVPTB and the NCJFCJ to develop training for judges and court personnel on domestic violence and custody/parenting time issues. The target date for the training is early 2005.

D. Cain reported there would most likely be some decline in federal funds for the next fiscal year. The priority of the Board in recent years has been to avoid cuts to victim services. This becomes more difficult as the cuts get deeper.

The Board has previously expressed a desire to have MDVPTB as a visible presence nationally. D. Cain provided several recent examples. D. Cain, Dr. Cris Sullivan and Anna Melbin (previous MDVPTB employee) wrote an article that was just published about transitional housing in "Affilia". A publication that was funded by our Board, "A Practical Guide to Evaluating Domestic Violence Coordinating Councils" has been distributed nationally through the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Staff also worked with Dr. Dan Saunders from the University of Michigan on a study about training in domestic violence with

FIS/FIM workers. M. Lovik is assisting PAAM with an article on expert testimony.

D. Cain reported on the FIA Immersion Process. The MDVPTB is 1 of 26 lines of service within FIA. MDVPTB pulled together 30+ people to work on this 3 stage process. Stage 1 and 2 have been completed and we just finished Stage 3. Critical issues identified were: Doing more accurate tracking of shelter denials (how can we track/compile better information); Outcomes development for grantees; and working more collaboratively with FIA. D. Cain will have to report quarterly to FIA regarding progress on these critical issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Purdy, coordinator of personal protection orders for Women's Survival Center in Oakland County, stopped by to give a brief explanation of the steps for getting PPO's. She and her staff, including 14 volunteers, get referrals from shelters. Victims can get a PPO the same day, usually within 3-4 hours. The program is funded by VOCA.

Hedy Nuriel from HAVEN gave the Board a brief description of HAVEN. They have been around for 28 years; there are a number of locations throughout Oakland County. Right now the shelter is in a local hospital and there are plans for a campaign to build a new shelter. Hedy is resigning after 11 years of service to Oakland County.

Recognition and thanks were given to Hedy Nuriel for her incredible work in Michigan.

Mary Keefe noted that MCADSV is celebrating 25 years with side by side partnership with MDVPTB. Mary Keefe also wanted to extend a welcome to the new Board members.

PROCESS EVALUATION

E. Sosnick welcomed all of the new MDVPTB members and commented that Chair A. Krause did a fabulous job.

Chair A. Krause wanted to thank staff and Board members for the support, and to note any input would be appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1:10 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by S. Mann Gray to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mary Beth Kur. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb